

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for user access to a publicly accessible information source comprising: providing a publicly accessible information source having data and an integrated visible display, the visible display presenting at least a first subset of the data; upon viewing the integrated visible display or matching pre-programmed user requirements, sending query data to the publicly accessible information source; and receiving at least a second subset of the publicly accessible information source data from the publicly accessible information source, wherein the publicly accessible information source is simultaneously accessible to a plurality of users in the vicinity of the publicly accessible information source.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the publicly accessible information source sends and receives data using a transceiver.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the publicly accessible information source performs at least one of storing data, organizing data, and sorting data, using a database.
4. The method of claim 1 further comprising negotiating with the publicly accessible information source to determine the content type of the data received.
5. The method of claim 2 wherein the transceiver communicates using a hardwired connection.
6. The method of claim 2 wherein the transceiver communicates using infrared light.
7. The method of claim 2 wherein the transceiver communicates using radio frequency communications.
8. The method of claim 1 further comprising initiating a telephone call or accessing a URL using the received second subset of data.

9. The method of claim 1 further comprising performing a commercial transaction using the received second subset of data.
10. A method for providing publicly accessible data to a user device comprising:  
presenting at least a first subset of publicly accessible data using an integrated visible display;  
receiving query data from a user device after the presentation of the first subset of the publicly accessible data;  
in response to the query data, sending a second subset of the publicly accessible data to the user device,  
wherein the queries of a plurality of users in the vicinity of the presented data are capable of being serviced simultaneously.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein the user device sends and receives data using a transceiver.
12. The method of claim 10 wherein the user device performs at least one of storing data, organizing data, and sorting data, using a database.
13. The method of claim 10 further comprising negotiating with the user device to determine the content type of the sent data.
14. The method of claim 10 further comprising negotiating with the user device to determine the capabilities of the user device.
15. The method of claim 11 wherein the transceiver utilizes a hardwired connection.
16. The method of claim 11 wherein the transceiver utilizes infrared light.
17. The method of claim 11 wherein the transceiver utilizes radio frequency communications.
18. The method of claim 10 wherein the user device is a personal digital assistant.
19. The method of claim 10 wherein the user device is a cellular telephone.

20. The method of claim 10 further comprising initiating a telephone call or access to a URL, by the user device, using the second subset of the data.
21. The method of claim 10 further comprising performing a commercial transaction, by the user device, using the second subset of the data.